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Seaman Drowned As 'Israel' Rammed

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The mystery of why two veteran New York harbour pilots, one on an Israel ship and the other on an American freighter could not pass each other on a clear, starlit evening without crashing may never be fully solved.

For normal portside-to-portside passing, the Israel, coming out of the East River, had to pass in front of the American freighter, American Press, which was heading up the Hudson.

The two vessels collided at 8.26 Thursday evening not far from the Battery, the port's busiest channel intersection.

The 501-foot Israel suffered about $250,000 damage, fully covered by insurance. It will take two or three weeks to repair, while the freighter suffered only minor damage and sailed on schedule on Saturday.

One member of the 146-man crew of the Israel was drowned. He was Haim Antony Benites. At the time of the collision he was working on a gangway near where the liner was hit. He was reported missing and was later found drowned.

(Benites, aged 42, was an Italian who had served with the Israel Merchant Marine for 10 years. He was married to a Jewish wife in Haifa. They have five children.)

Dropped Anchor

Captain George A. Vickers, master of the 8,277-ton freighter, told Commander Ashton H. Barnes, in charge of the Coast Guard inquiry, that his ship's engines had come to a full stop and he had dropped anchor as the Israel passed in front of him. But his momentum, he said, carried the freighter into the Israel's side.

Captain Vickers said that he had first observed the 9,811-ton Israel at a distance of one-and-one-quarter miles. He said his vessel was en route from the Brooklyn army terminal to Pier 61 North River, to finish loading. He said she had been making 11 knots before a series of slowing-down and engine-astern manoeuvres had been ordered by Arthur Biagi, the ship-shifting pilot.

The first move to slow the American Press, the captain said, was made at 8.22 p.m., when the Israel, outbound for Haifa from the East River, was turning into the channel leading to the sea. The slow-down order, he said, had been preceded by a one-blast whistle signal, indicating that a port-to-port passing is expected. The freighter's engines were ordered stopped when no reply was received, Captain Vickers said.

The hearing is to be resumed at 10 o'clock Monday morning, when Captain Jacob F. Per, of the Israel, is expected to testify.

(Mr. Z. Herman, a director of Zim, said in Haifa last night that Captain Per had informed him by phone on Friday that the American vessel was deviating from the regular sea lane at the time of the collision. The Israel was lit up, he said, and the

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'HERZL' SAFE IN MARSEILLES

MARSEILLES (AFP). — In spite of the worst Mediterranean storm in the last 25 years, the Theodor Herzl managed to reach the Bay of Naples on Friday, only to find the port closed, and was forced to come directly here, its next port of call.

She suffered no damage.

Ninety of her passengers bound for Naples are being taken there by plane and train.

Nkrumah Chides MP's for Jibes Against Israel

ACCRA (Ilim). — The Prime Minister of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, on Friday sent a special message to Parliament to protest against anti-Israel and anti-Jewish remarks made by various Members the previous day. He expressed his regret to the Israel Government.

The Prime Minister, who was visiting Togoland at the time, sent Finance Minister Gbedemah to deliver the following message:

"Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister of Ghana has sent me down from Keta in order that I may make a statement on behalf of his Government as a result of yesterday's debate in this House on the Ghana-Israel Trade and Payments Agreements Bill.

"During this debate, unfair statements were made by members of both sides of this House which could only be considered irresponsible and in very bad taste.

"I wish to state that the Government of this Country dissociates itself completely from those irresponsible remarks made against Israel, and records with regret that those statements should ever have been made. I wish here also to state that a formal apology is being conveyed to the Israel Embassy for the unnecessary and uncalled-for insults levelled against a country which has been closely associated with our development and has been sympathetic to our aims and ideals.

"I do not wish to make specific references to statements made by certain members of Parliament, but it was surprising to hear it said here in Parliament that both London and New York are controlled by Jews. This statement can only come from a very ignorant person.

"It was also pathetic that reference should have been made to misdeeds of certain regimes directed against Jews, deeds of which the civilized world is justifiably ashamed. If only that Member had remembered that those regimes held the same views about our own race, these statements would never have been made.

"I am, Mr. Speaker, ashamed of the proceedings, and I wish you had exercized your prerogative in stopping those disgraceful utterances directed against a friendly nation, and had asked the members who made them to withdraw them. It is the Prime Minister's hope that such embarrassing behaviour will not be repeated in this House."

Prior to making this statement, Mr. Gbedemah, called on the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Ehud Avriel, to deliver a formal apology.

The bill being discussed on Thursday would ratify the trade agreement between Israel and Ghana which was signed in June, 1958. The agreement provides for the accrediting of 50 per cent of Israel's exports to a special development account, in the form of a five-year loan to Ghana. The credit account has a $30m. ceiling.

The statement made in the Ghana Parliament on Thursday by Mr. W.K. Aduhene, that he "was removed" from his hotel in Israel, was described by the Histadrut spokesman in Tel Aviv yesterday as "most surprising."

The spokesman related that Mr. Aduhene came to Israel as a delegate to the seminar of the International Union of Socialist Youth. He left the seminar after a few days and asked the Histadrut to show him some of its enterprises.

The Labour Federation found him accommodation at the Ramat Aviv Hotel. This had to be vacated after a few days, because of previous bookings, and a room was given him at the Gat Rimon Hotel.

On leaving Israel, Mr. Aduhene told his hosts: "You gave me a wonderful time and I hope to return at the head of a delegation of Ghana M.P.s." On June 11 he wrote a letter to the Histadrut in similar vein.

Baghdad Army Chief Machine-Gunned

An allegedly Communist bid to assassinate the Deputy Army Commander of Baghdad, Colonel Abdul Karim Jedde, was reported by ANA from the Iraqi capital yesterday. He was attacked by automatic fire when leaving his headquarters near the Baghdad Technical College on Wednesday night.

The Colonel heads the committee which is investigating the attempted assassination of Premier Kassem.

64 'Communists' Tried in Egypt

CAIRO (Reuter). — The trial of 64 alleged Communists on charges of attempting to overthrow the regime of Gamal Abdul Nasser has ended in Alexandria, the Cairo weekly newspaper "Akhbar el Yom" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the trial ended on Thursday when the Court retired to consider its verdict.

It said the prosecution had produced a document during the trial which purported to show that the Egyptian Communist Party advocated a peace settlement with Israel. The "Akhbar el Yom" report was the first about the trial to appear in the Egyptian press.

The 64 accused, whose case started in the Alexandria Central Court on August 15, were charged with organizing, directing and recruiting for an underground organization of the Egyptian Communist Party and calling for the overthrow of the social regime.

China to Guide Arab Communists

ALGIERS (Reuter). — The Soviet Communist Party has recently agreed to let the Chinese Communist Party have the control and leadership of Communist parties in Arab countries, according to the newspaper "L'Echo d'Alger."

The newspaper said yesterday that before this agreement, Arab Communist parties were ruled by the Italian and Bulgarian Communist Parties, adding that a special office for Communist parties in Arab countries would be set up in Peking under Khaled Bakdash, the Syrian Communist leader.

Eisenhower Fit

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower left the Walter Reed Hospital yesterday after his annual medical check-up and his doctor said the results were "the best we ever had."

A medical report issued at the White House later said the President "continues to maintain an excellent state of health, with the exception of a persistent mild tracheobronchitis.

Mr. Eisenhower is 69.

B-G: My Next Gov't Will Seek Total Disarming

NEW YORK (INA). — Mr. David Ben-Gurion said in an interview published by the "New York Times" yesterday that Israel would strive by all means for the general disarmament of the Middle East.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that, if he is still Prime Minister after Tuesday's election, that effort would be one of the major programmes of his Government. "We will be ready any time for mutual inspection. We will seek disarmament at any forum available to us, we will make it clear to the Egyptians that they can come and see we have done it."

Saying, "I personally would be the happiest man in the world if this could come about," Mr. Ben-Gurion said Israel would be prepared to disarm completely and cease all military training.

"Of course we cannot force the Egyptians into this, but we are a patient people, and will continue to ask for it as a step towards peace."

Saudia Spurns Israel Offer

UNITED NATIONS (INA). — Saudi Arabia on Friday rejected a suggestion that a regional arms limitation plan for the Middle East be considered during negotiations over world disarmament. Ahmad Shukairy, of Saudi Arabia, told the General Assembly's Political Committee that disarmament in the Middle East could come about in a day "when the Israel invader is driven out of the area."

For the Arab nations to disarm "at a time when a military mission is rooted in the area as a result of aggression is national suicide which no nation represented here in the Committee would accept," he said.

"Israel and disarmament in the Middle East are incompatible, and there is no room for both," he concluded.

Shukairy's remarks brought an immediate reply from Mr. Arthur Lourie, the senior Israel Delegate, who said that Israel had not proposed a disarmament plan for the Middle East, as Shukairy had said, but had simply indicated its willingness to cooperate in discussions to that end "under appropriate control."

Mr. Lourie asserted that the Saudi Arabian delegate had "rejected the idea of peace in the Middle East." He told the Committee that the tone and content of Shukairy's address "should be sufficient commentary" on the Saudi Arabian views on the whole subject of disarmament.

Nikita: Weather Moving to Fair; Deplores Sino-Indian Clashes

Debre Says Plan for Algeria Is Not a Bargaining Point

PARIS (Reuter). — Premier Michel Debre said in a broadcast last night that the Algerian situation had taken "a turn for the better" since President de Gaulle's self-determination announcement of September 16.

The policy General de Gaulle outlined was not a basis for discussion. "It is not the start of bargaining, but the definition of a policy that everybody in Algeria, as in Metropolitan France, must support," M. Debre said.

The Premier, who was answering questions in a weekly radio feature "Face the Press," said directives sent to military and civilian personnel in Algeria confirmed the Government.

"Since the September 16 statement, it seems to me that the Algerian affair has taken a turn for the better, on condition that we stay very firm in this political line, over which we should have no fears," M. Debre said.

"France, in fact, cannot fear freedom, while we see every day that it is the rebellion which, by wanting success solely through violence, does not accept the idea of staking its future on the freedom offered by France."

Today is the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the revolt in Algeria. The struggle has cost almost 150,000 lives, according to French estimates, and "nearly one million," say the rebels.

Khrushchev Backs De Gaulle's Plan

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev yesterday expressed approval of the de Gaulle plea for Algeria and said his coming meeting with the French President would be useful to Soviet-French relations.

Speaking at the closing session of the Supreme Soviet, he said: "Naturally the Soviet people... are perturbed about the war which has been waged in Algeria for five years.

"President de Gaulle's recent proposals that the Algerian problem should be solved by means of a general vote in Algeria may play an important role in the settlement of the Algerian question.

"It will play this role if it does not remain a mere declaration but is supported by realistic steps...

"It is known that historically-formed, close bonds exist between Algeria and France. Of course if in the future, relations are built upon a new mutually acceptable basis with a real adherence to the principles of voluntary action and equality of rights, it may help to establish peace in the area...

"On the whole, our relations with France are developing normally, though her participation in military alignments aimed against us leaves a certain mark on her policy."

Indian Army Moves Onto Ladakh Border

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — The Indian Army is taking over direct control of India's frontier with China in the Ladakh area of Kashmir, and troops equipped to engage an hostile army will take over from border police, official sources said here yesterday.

The independent "Hindustan Standard" yesterday reported a heavy concentration of Chinese troops along the borders of the Himalayan states of Sikkim, Bhutan, and Nepal.

In Bikaner, Northen India, Vice-President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan said that India was "baffled by the behaviour of the Chinese." He said that China's method of settling disputes unilaterally by force was not in consonance with its professions of friendship.

"China has little to gain by antagonizing people who have nothing but goodwill and friendship for her," he said.

"If India is treated in this way, no wonder other Asian nations are inclined, even against their will, to suspect China of being a threat to their independent existence and freedom."

RABBIS DENIED RUSSIAN VISAS

NEW YORK (INA). — Mr. Ira Guilden, American Jewish Congress leader, reported on Thursday that the Soviet Embassy in Washington had refused every request for permission to travel in Russia this past summer when the visa applicant designated himself as a rabbi.

He said that the only rabbi granted a visa by the Embassy had listed his occupation as "clergyman." Another rabbi, who described himself as a "lecturer," received a Russian visa last year.

Murphy's Successor

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower yesterday announced his intention of nominating Mr. Livingston Merchant, the Deputy Under-Secretary of State, to succeed Mr. Robert Murphy, the veteran career officer who is resigning in December as Under-Secretary for Political Affairs.

Seven Killed In Congo Riots

STANLEYVILLE, Belgian Congo (Reuter). — Belgian-led territorial troops opened fire on a crowd of rioters here on Friday night, killing seven and wounding 30, the Belgian News Agency reported yesterday.

Violence and rioting lasted through the night. Yesterday morning new disorders were reported, but were "immediately suppressed." The Agency added that the authorities had the situation "well in hand."

Cuban Army Chief Missing on Flight

HAVANA (Reuter). — Combined land, sea and air searches went on over the weekend to ascertain the fate of Major Camilo Cienfuegos, Chief of Staff of the Cuban Armed Forces, who disappeared on Wednesday while flying from Camaguey in Eastern Cuba to Havana.

The search is led by Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Compromise—Save on Principles

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev said yesterday that there had been a "considerable relaxation" in world tension and added that the Soviet Union greatly regretted the incidents which had taken place on the Chinese - Indian frontier.

He said the international barometer was moving though not as fast as we would have liked it, from stormy and foul weather to fair."

In a major foreign policy speech to the closing session of the Supreme Soviet, the Prime Minister said that the Soviet Union would be glad if such incidents were not repeated and any controversial frontier problems were settled peacefully.

He paid tribute to Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister, for his part in improving international relations and cited the recent exchange of visits between Russia and America, including his own visit to the U.S., as factors which helped to ease tension.

Mr. Khrushchev said that the situation in the Near and Middle East was not yet stable and added that some countries in this area still joined military blocs, or, like Turkey, allowed rocket bases to be built on their territory, thus increasing tension.

Mr. Khrushchev said he favoured "an early summit meeting" and an agreement reached at such a meeting would cement the resolution not to resort to war.

Among the questions to be discussed, an important place should be given to the German peace treaty and the settlement of the Berlin question. Governments should decide not to take any steps to aggravate the situation and to throw obstacles in the way of the summit conference.

Frequently, he continued, people in the West were heard to discuss whether they should or should not accept the Soviet plan for peaceful co-existence: but peaceful co-existence in present circumstances was a real fact.

Those who were against peaceful co-existence were really in favour of war. It was up to everybody to live in reasonable conditions.

Mr. Khrushchev said both the Soviet Union and the Western powers could reach peaceful co-existence by meeting each other half way, but there could be no compromise on principles because by compromising on principles, the Soviet Union would side with the capitalists at the expense of the workers' interests.

Both sides would have to recognize each other's sovereignty and freedom to choose its own way of life. Co-existence on a reasonable basis between countries with a different social order was only possible if all the principles of the Bandung (Afro-Asian) Conference were adhered to.

As regards ideological questions, "we would remain firm as a rock, true to Marxism-Leninism." But political questions could not be solved by war, he said.

The Prime Minister said that a flexible policy in relationships with other countries was necessary whenever life demanded it.

Take disarmament, for instance: The Soviet Union wanted complete disarmament, but it would be ready to look at other proposals and suggestions and would be ready to adopt a flexible attitude in this respect.

Capitalist countries recognized socialist states and carried on negotiations with them in the U.N. and outside: this was also a kind of compromise.

Ties with Israel Remain Firm, Says French Foreign Minister

By ISRAEL NEUMANN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville declared in the National Assembly on Friday that the Renault affair could not possibly harm Franco-Israel relations.

In answer to a query by M. Edouard Charret, UNR Deputy for Rhone, on the reasons for Renault's unilateral breach of contract, and on the Government's stand in the matter, M. Couve de Murville explained that Renault gave Kaiser-Fraser, the Israel firm, lawful advance notice in March 1958, that it was unwilling to renew its contract which expired in September, 1958. Last February, the Regie Nationale accepted a new order, but this was partially unfulfilled for technical and economic reasons.

The French Government abstained from expressing any opinion whatsoever in this affair, considering that the Regie Nationale is entitled, as is any firm, to judge where her best interests lay. The Government considers the boycott the international responsibility of the states practising it, in this case, M. Couve de Murville noted, the Arab League members.

M. Couve de Murville declared that he wishes further development of economic relations with Israel. The Renault affair cannot harm existing links between the two countries. "In this spirit," he said, "I recently answered a personal letter from Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir. I am assured that the Israel Government, like the French Government, has decided that nothing be done which is likely to harm good France-Israel relations."

M. Couve de Murville stated that the Arab boycott is manifestly contrary to international law, but claimed that the Regie Nationale was not guilty of a unilateral breach of contract, but only of a failure to renew the contract.

Descending from the speakers' rostrum, M. Couve de Murville assured M. Charret that the Regie Nationale wished to reach a settlement with the Israel firm.

M. Charret retorted: "It is a grave thing to yield to intimidation or blackmail, which is clearly immoral and contrary to international law."

President de Gaulle has answered a letter from General Koenig calling on the President to intervene in the Renault affair. The contents of the answer were not published, but it was learned that the President's letter was friendly, and referred in warm terms to Israel, but hinted that M. Couve de Murville was the authority competent to deal with the matter.

So far, a hundred prominent persons have signed the Manifesto of the Committee for a Franco-Israel Alliance opposing the Renault decision. Several politicians favourable to Israel are critical of the Manifesto, which links the Renault affair with political questions.

The Managing-Director of Kaiser-Fraser, Mr. Ephraim Illin, is expected here today, but the directors of the Regie Nationale have repeatedly intimated their preference to negotiate through a third party.

(A spokesman for Kaiser-Fraser said in Haifa last night that in view of the French Foreign Minister's statement, the company was now considering what legal action can be taken with a view to obliging Renault "to honour the international law on which relations between all free nations are based.")

Arabs to Boycott Algerian Oil Firms

PARIS. — The Arab League has found an original way to thank France for the Renault action. It is reported from Jedda that the conference of Arab oil experts, which closed on Friday night, has decided to call upon member governments of the League to boycott all companies participating in the exploitation of the Algerian oil fields and who are "thus helping France pursue a policy of aggression."

The decision may create special difficulties for a French company active both in Algeria and in Iraq.

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AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, was met at Lydda Airport last night by a delegation of 60 representatives of various merchants' and artisans' associations, on his return via the U.S. from the Zionist conference in Vienna.

Paris Leaders to Open Israel Fund Drives

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Several French leaders have agreed to open the next United Israel Appeal campaign in Europe, in a renewed demonstration of Franco-Israel friendship. Socialist leader Guy Mollet will open the Swiss campaign in Zurich and Geneva, M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury will open the Belgian Congo Campaign, and former Air Minister Diomede Catroux will open the Belgian Campaign. Catholic Senator Monteil is among the several Deputies who are participating in the campaign opening.

This year, the United Israel Campaign is expected to bring in $7.5m. or 15 per cent more than in 1958, according to Mr. Sam Segal, Director of the European United Israel Campaign.

Laos King Dies

LUANG PRABANG (Reuter). — King Sisavang Vong of Laos died in his palace here on Friday night. He was 74. The King had ruled this south-east Asia Buddhist kingdom since 1904.

Crown Prince Savang Vathana, aged 52, ascended to the throne yesterday.

Togoland Rejects Ghana Proposal

LOME, Togoland (Reuter). — Premier Sylvanus Olympio yesterday rejected Ghana's proposal for integration of the two countries when Togoland becomes independent next April.

The proposal was made on Wednesday night by Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, while on a tour of Togoland.

One Cocktail Party Less

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel circles said on Friday that the exclusion of Israel from a cocktail party in honour of Guinean Premier Sekou Toure next Thursday was no reflection on Israel-African relations, since five of the nine hosts are members of the Arab League. Members of the Israel delegation pointed out that they were going to several other parties honouring Mr. Toure, and their relations with the four non-Arabs among the sponsors—Ghana, Guinea, Liberia and Ethiopia — "are determined in Africa, and not at cocktail parties in New York."

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Dr. Itzhak Kobelman ז"ל

who passed away on October 30, 1959.

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The funeral will leave from the offices of the Kupat Holim Supply Department, 146 Derech Petah Tikva (opposite the Traffic Licensing Bureau) at 1 p.m. today, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

The coffin will be brought to the hall of the Supply Department at 12 noon.

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The "Difference" Between Mapai and The "Progressives"

Mapai leader DAVID BEN-GURION, on private property:

"I am absolutely opposed to private property, now more than ever.'

(In an interview, published in the "Ha'aretz" Rosh Hashana Issue)

And here is what Yizhar Harari, leader of the "Progressives," had to say about private property:

"I for my part, if it were up to me, should do away with inheritance as such and everything emanating from it. It is a matter of course that, when a man dies, his wife must be provided for — she has, after all, shared his property and is a party to it. As for his children, however, what right have they to the property of the deceased?"

(Knesset Minutes, Volume 33, June 30, 1958, during the Knesset debate on the Law of Inheritance.)

Ben-Gurion seeks to deprive a man of his property during his lifetime — The "Progressive" member is out to deprive him of it after his death as well.

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Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, Acting Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and Mrs. Tsur on Thursday entertained to dinner Mr. Moshe Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress in Latin America, and Mrs. Goldman. Present were the Argentine Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, and Mrs. Garcia Arias; Mr. and Mrs. Benno Gitter of Argentina; and the chairman of the Association of Latin American Immigrants in Israel, Mr. Yitzhak Harkavy, and Mrs. Harkavy.

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A reception for the new British Naval Attache in Israel, Captain D.B.M. Mellis, and Mrs. Mellis, was held by the Chairman of the British Legion in Tel Aviv, and Mrs. Louis Arnold on Saturday. The British Charge d'Affaires, Miss Barbara Salt, and the Australian Minister, Mr. B. C. Ballard, were among those present. Captain Mellis is stationed in Athens.

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A reception to mark the 20th anniversary of Mr. Moshe Ron's work as Secretary-General of the Journalists Association in Tel Aviv was held by Mr. I. Finkelstein, secretary of "Ha'aretz," and Mrs. Finkelstein at their home in Tel Aviv on Saturday. The Chairman of the Journalists Association, Mr. Dan Pines, and the Chairman of the Editors Committee, Mr. H. Shurer, were among those present.

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The lecture by Prof. Louis Lichtenstein, which was to have taken place at the Medical School today, has been cancelled owing to the indisposition of the lecturer.

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A memorial to the five who were murdered near Sdom by *fedayeen* three years ago — Gavriel Dehan, Ephraim Waldman, Aryeh Lahav, Ya'acov Lustig and Hayim Kuperfin — was unveiled on Friday at the grave on the Sdom-Beersheba road. Mr. Yehuda Almog, Chairman of the Tamar Regional Council, spoke. Among those present were relatives of the victims. Mr. David Touviyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, representatives of the Dead Sea works and members of Kibbutz Ein Ge'di.

U.S. Chief Source Of Israel Imports

TEL AVIV.—The U.S. ranked first among Israel's suppliers in 1958, accounting for about 30 per cent of all imports into this country, the American Ambassador, Mr. Ogden Reid, said here on Friday in an address to the Commercial and Industrial Club's weekly luncheon meeting. The U.S. was the second most important market for Israel goods in the same year.

According to private bank estimates, the Ambassador continued, some 20,000 individuals in the U.S. own securities in one or more investment companies in Israel, while 10,000 have direct investments in tires, cars, chemicals, paper, textiles, refrigerators, hotels and oil. Private U.S. investment in Israel during the last 11 years is said to total about $150m., the Ambassador added.

A film showing President Eisenhower holding a press conference was shown after the luncheon by the U.S.I.S. film unit. Mr. Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador in the U.S., was among those present.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: Air France 191, from Tokyo, Manila, Saigon, Bangkok, New Delhi, Karachi and Teheran — 1725. Alitalia 452, from Rome — 2140. Air France 190, from Paris and Rome — 2300. Cyprus Airways 132, from London, Rome, Istanbul, Ankara and Nicosia — 2350. El-Al 210, from New York, London, Paris and Athens — 0025. Swiss-Air 332, from Zurich and Athens — 0055. El Al 402, from Vienna, Munich and Rome — 0100.

DEPARTURES: El Al 401, to Rome, Vienna and Munich — 0800. Olympic 615, to Nicosia and Athens — 0810. T.W.A. 807, to Athens, Rome, Milan, Geneva, Paris and New York — 0855. El Al 201, to Athens, Paris, London and New York — 1000. B.E.A. 127, to Athens, Rome and London — 0855. Air France 191, to Rome and Paris — 1820.

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Advancing of Ultimatum to Cairo Said Cause of Suez War's Failure

LONDON. — Britain and France, with only 24 hours to go, changed their plans, and by presenting their ultimatum to Egypt five days earlier, brought about the failure of their carefully planned Suez operation.

This is one of the assertions made in an eight-page report by Mr. Erskine Childers, published in Friday's edition of "The Spectator," the British weekly review, on the third anniversary of the campaign. Mr. Childers is the journalist son of the Irish Republic's Minister of Transport and Power.

The Anglo-French invasion machine was to have been set in motion on November 10, five days after the ultimatum, thus giving Israel the chance to achieve what it most desired, "a clean victory" unembarrassed by "imperialistic intervention," the article says.

Britain and France had originally counted on not starting their military campaign before November 6, at the earliest, election day in the U.S.

Israel was the first to be surprised by the Allied ultimatum, which came only 19 hours after the start of the operations. Mr. Ben-Gurion had been given to understand by his allies that he would have at least three to five days to consolidate his early victories and to reach the Suez Canal.

Britain Lucky

The article said that Britain "must consider herself lucky to have escaped at so comparatively light a cost."

"As the bombers flew in over Egypt, even the most critical potential successors to Nasser became supporters. If intervention had gone ahead, Britain would have known guerilla war on a scale dwarfing Cyprus and possibly even Ireland. Nuri would have disappeared two years earlier, along with every other friend of Britain in the Arab world."

The allied ultimatum, the text of which had been most probably prepared in advance for use on D-Day, November 5, was released on October 30 at the insistence of the French Government, the article said.

The French Premier, M. Guy Mollet, found himself between two increasingly nervous allies who refused to know each other and were about to break away from this ill-begotten alliance. It was at his insistence that the time-table was changed.

France, the article continued, had meanwhile supplied air cover to Israel on October 29 at "Mr. Ben-Gurion's last-minute fearful request," without informing her British ally. Nor did she inform the Israel Government of her plans for immediate action as she wanted to ensure that the Israelis, "themselves more and more uncertain," would go ahead — an essential prerequisite for the French plan of bringing about Nasser's downfall.

Israel Alarmed

Israel was alarmed both by the fear of being associated with the imperialist aggressors in the eyes of the Afro-Asian world, and by a secret letter from President Eisenhower demanding a joint warning by the Western allies to Israel to abstain from action.

The article also claims that the Franco-Israel arms treaty was concluded prior to the Egyptian-Czech arms deal of September 1955. The "Spectator" alleges that Israel had, before Nasser's deal with the Soviets, reached an agreement to buy from France a large quantity of tanks and Mystère jets.

The journal also alleges that Israel had been more or less planning its Sinai campaign since 1951 when she declared the demilitarized zone of El Auja "an integral part of Israel," and which she occupied in 1955. The article notes that it was through El Auja that the vital overland thrust into Sinai was begun on October 29.

The article, which does not cite any sources, states:

"There was collusion, but it is best defined as double and separate collusion by France, the only partner having no reservations or special scruples, and the partner given the opportunity to shuffle the cards of information almost at will."

"Sir Anthony Eden refused to see Israel's plans. He never intended that the two operations should fuse tightly. The agent of the fusion was France, but this was a story that neither Eden nor any other British Minister dared tell, so grave an effect would it have had on Anglo-French relations—and at home."

In an editorial, "The Spectator" said that Eden emerged from the Suez story, as told by Mr. Childers, "with less discredit than he has from any previous account. It is no longer necessary to believe either that he was a liar, or that he stood aloof in giant ignorance of the whole affair until it was too late."

"But the means which had to be used were dubious; and in trying to avoid soiling his own hands with them, Sir Anthony let himself be deluded, bullied and finally destroyed, politically, by cleverer and less scrupulous allies."

(INA, Reuter)

SYRIANS RETURN STOLEN CATTLE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The Syrian authorities on Friday morning returned 14 of the 15 cows which two armed Syrians stole from a herd at Tuba village last week. The animals were handed back under U.N. supervision at the B'not Ya'acov bridge.

The Syrians claimed that the fifteenth animal fell sick and died during its stay across the border.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 256.4 & 249 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.58 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. **English:** 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m. 6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down. 11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Strauss: Overture "Die Fledermaus"; Fibich: "Twilight", op. 39; Faure: "Dolly", Suite; Novacek: Symphonic Poem, op. 26. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 "First Broadcast": Haim Atzur (Violin), at the Piano: Arieh Sacha; Franker-Kreisler: Siciliano and Rigaudon; Beethoven: Romance No. 2 in F; Ezrahi: "The Wild Shepherd." 1.15 Military Bands. 1.45 "Where to Go?" 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.10 Summer Concert: Leopold Mozart: Cassation in G ("Toy Symphony"): Meyerbeer: Waltz from "Le Prophete," 5.40 Sports. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Popular Songs and Melodies. 7.20 Hebrew Songs. 7.40 Histadrut Programme. 7.59 Announcement on Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.05 Light Music. 8.25 Light Classical Music. 8.50 Bible Reading: Joshua, Chap. 17 & 18. 9.10 Political Commentary. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Brahms: Symphony No. 3. Conducted by J. Martinon. 10.30 A Glimpse at Israel. 10.35 Light Music. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
480, 422.5, 202 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 Mograbit. 6.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 6.45 Polish. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Music for Sunday: Bach: Mass in B-minor — Third Part. 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Rumanian. 9.45 Hungarian. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.7 M.

Arabic Programme (Including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m., 1.15-2.15 and 8.30-11.15 p.m.

KOL YISRAEL LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to the U.K.: 10.30 News. 10.40 "Heritage." 10.55 "In the Jewish World." Programme to South Africa: 6.25 News. 6.25 "Heritage." 6.40 "In the Jewish World."

ARMY PROGRAMME (216, 228 and 235 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.08 Request Programme. 6.30 "Pleasant Tunes" Works by Rossini, Kreisler and Rimsky-Korsakov. 6.58 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 Songs. 7.30 Sports. 7.45 Intermezzo. 8.00 Guide for the voting Soldier. 8.15 "The Voice and the Instrument." 8.30 Jam Session. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.30 "Entry Ticket" — Weekly Announcements. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.66, 16.86, 25.25, 19.23 & 13.93 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. International Commentary. Britain in Science, Trade & Industry.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00-11.00 p.m. Light Music and Jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 495 M.): News: 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 p.m. 7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola programme. 8.00 Melodies & Memories. 8.30 Popular Light Orchestra. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Emergency. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 Felix King. 10.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Teller of Tales. 12.00 Midday Melodies. 2.15 p.m. The Grey Goose. 2.30 "Yours sincerely," with Vera Lynn. 6.45 The Lanitis Programme. 7.45 Strange Stories of the Sea. 10.00 Vanished Without Trace. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.30 Danger Point.

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Ben-Haroush Gets Sentence Reduced

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The District Court here on Friday reduced to 10 months the two-year prison sentence imposed on David Ben-Haroush, by the Magistrates Court on September 22. The District Court also acquitted his three associates, Haim Maman, who had been given a nine-month term, and Yosef Shemtov and Naftali Sabbagh, who were jailed for six months each.

The four men had been convicted of obstructing the police on the night of July 31, during riots that followed a Mapai meeting in Wadi Salib. Ben-Haroush was also charged with threatening police officers, being in possession of an unlicensed firearm, and discharging the weapon at the police.

The evidence produced against Ben-Haroush's three associates did not sustain a conviction, District Court President Y. Azulai, and Judges Eugenia Winogradof and Y. Kahan, held. Maman and Shemtov have been in jail since August.

The judges also quashed the 11-month sentence passed on Ben-Haroush for discharging his revolver. He had fired it inside his room, before the police entered it, and did not direct the shot at any person inside the room, the District Court ruled.

It also decided that the other sentences imposed on Ben-Haroush should run concurrently and not consecutively, as the Magistrate had stipulated.

The District Court further ruled that Chief Magistrate Miriam Starkman had acted within her rights in coopting two Magistrates onto the bench to hear the case together with her, after she had already started the proceedings, particularly since no witnesses had yet been heard. Nor had the police exceeded their authority in breaking into Maman's house after the four men had refused them admission.

Defence Counsel A. Merinsky asked for leave to appeal to the High Court against the verdict against Ben-Haroush because, he argued, it raised several points of legal principle. The Court granted the request.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

3.30, 6.45, 9.45

ARNON: Es Geschah Am Hellichten Tag.
EDEN: Gun Glory.
ORNA: Action Immediate.
ORION: The Diary of Anne Frank. 5.15, 8.15.
OR GIL: Joselito (The Seville Nightingale).
RON: Chase a Crooked Shadow. 10.30, 3.30, 6.45, 8.45.
SEMADAR: Tradita. (Evenings only).
ZION: Quiet flows the Don (2nd Part). 3.30, 6.30, 9.
TEL OR: Les Tricheurs (The Cheats).
EDISON: The Hanging Tree.
STUDIO: No Time for Sergeants.

TEL AVIV

3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: Polikuschka.
ARMON DAVID: Deserter.
CHEN: Some Like It Hot.
EDEN: Honeymoon. 3.30, 7, 9.
ESTHER: Reluctant Debutante.
GAT: Ivan the Terrible.
HOD: Les tricheurs.
MAXIM: Carry On, Sergeant.
MIGDALOR: Cette nuit la...
MOGRABI: Middle of the Night.
OPHIR: Julie la Rousse.
PEER: Night of a Quarter Moon
SHDEROTH: Holiday for Lovers.
TAMAR: The Malta Story. 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.15.
TCHELET: The Man of Straw. 3, 5.15, 7.30, 9.30.
TEL AVIV: The Blue Angel. 3.30, 7.15, 9.30.
YARON: Imitation of Life.
ZAFON: La femme et le pantin.
ZAMIR: This Land is Mine.

HAIFA

4, 6.45, 9.

ORION: Watus!
ATZMON: Chase a Crooked Shadow.
MIRON: Mogli Pericolose ("Nice to be a Bachelor") (Evenings only).
ORAH: Vergiss Mein Nicht (Forget Me Not).
AMPHITHEATRE: These Thousand Hills.
TAMAR: The Seventh Veil.
GAL OR: Yield to the Night. (Evenings only).
PEER: Jacobowsky and the Colonel.
ARMON: Call Girls.
EN DOR: Badal (The Poor).
ORLY: Operaball. (Evenings only).
MORIAH: The Key. (Evenings only).
DOMINO: Ronald the Mighty. 10, 12, 2, 4, 7, 9.
MAY: Evil that is Eve (Une belle et la manche).

Top Dogs Fight Through To State Cup Final

Jerusalem Post Staff

This year's State Cup final promises to be the most exciting in years with the top two teams in Israel, Petah Tikva Hapoel, current National League champions, and Tel Aviv Maccabi, Israel's former perennial champions, due to face each other in the final, following victories in Saturday's Cup semi-finals.

Semi-finals went the way the pundits expected, although Petah Tikva Hapoel had it easier than expected with 4-2 win over Haifa Maccabi at Jaffa, and Tel Aviv Maccabi had to forcibly fight their way through before defeating Petah Tikva Maccabi, 2-1.

Petah Tikva Hapoel took a a very comfortable 4-0 halftime lead with two goals from Ratsabi, Kaufman and star Nahum Stelmach, before 10,000 fans. Held netted twice for Haifa, in the second period.

In a rough game, Tel Aviv Maccabi beat Petah Tikva Maccabi, 2-1, with the latter fighting all the way, with no holds barred. Shay Glazer gave Tel Aviv the lead in the 44th minute, Rafi Levy increased this to 2-0 15 minutes after the restart, but Aharanov reduced the tally to 2-1, 14 minutes later.

The game ended on a rough note. Tel Aviv's Nahmias was disabled and Melamed apparently fouled Rafi Levy without any reaction from the referee. Levy threw the ball at him and was sent off. Tel Aviv's nine men held out to win.

The Cup final, originally fixed for Wednesday next, has been postponed and no definite date set.

Tiberias Hapoel Top League A

Newly-promoted Tiberias Hapoel shot to the top of League A following games on Saturday. The "fishermen" slammed Rehovot Maccabi, 4-1, to tally eight points, and lead Hadera Hapoel and Tel Aviv Hakoah, who fought out a dour 1-1 draw. Both challengers have a game in hand.

RESULTS: LEAGUE A: T.A. Shimshon 1, Natanya Hap. 1; Kfar Saba Hap. 6, Ramla Hap. 0; Mahane Yehuda Hap. 2, Hadera Mac. 1; Hadera Hap. 1, T.A. Hakoah 1; Kiryat Haim Hap. 0, J'lem Betar 6; Tiberias Hap. 4, Rehovot Mac. 1.

FRIENDLIES: Jaffa Mac. 2, Natanya Mac. 2; J'lem Hap. 4, Bnei Yehuda T.A. 2; Ramat Gan Hap. 2, T.A. Betar 1.

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TEL AVIV. — A 6,000-ton vessel arrived in Eilat Port on Saturday to load 5,500 ton of phosphates from Oron, and 500 tons of copper cement from Timna. The shipment, worth $250,000, is going to Japan.

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Beethoven: Symphony No. 7
Sale of tickets starts on Thursday, Nov. 5, At the Information Office, Natanya Municipality, Elkar Zion; daily 9-1; 4-6.
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C'ttee to Set Out Eilat City Limits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, has empowered a special committee to fix the territorial limits of the Eilat Municipality, the Ministry spokesman has announced.

The committee was formed following completion of a city planning scheme which envisages a population of 60,000. The Chairman is Mr. Y. Vardimon, District Commissioner of the Southern District, and members include Messrs. A. Efrat, D. Rosen and Z. Amital of the Ministry of Interior, and D. Tabatchnik, Deputy-Mayor of Petah Tikva.

Shippers to Confer In Tel Aviv Next Week

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Section of the Continent-Near East Shipping Conference and of the Levant-Continent Conference will hold a meeting at the Zim Offices, Tel Aviv, on November 8 and 9 to discuss various problems connected with traffic from and to Israel. Some 15 to 20 guests from abroad are expected, representing, among other lines, the Royal Netherlands Steamship Co., the Hellenic Lines, the Deutsche Orient Line, the Deutsche Levant Line, the Atlas Levant Line, the Argo Nach-Ost Line, and Transmarin, Helsinki. Members of the Secretariat of both conferences are also expected.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: 9-6.

• **Tours:** — Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour, starting 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

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• **Exhibitions:** — Rina Gallery, 13 Shlomzion Hamalka (entrance Rehov Yanai) Tel. 5910. Oils by Hagit Lalo and new jewellery designs by Tas. 10-1; 4-7.

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• **Bezalel Art Library:** — Books in memory of the late Bernard Berenson.

TEL AVIV

• **Harmonica Recital:** — John Sebastian, "Paganini of the Harmonica." Farewell Recital. Ohel Shem, tonight.

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• **Zoological Gardens:** — Open 8 a.m. — 6 p.m. daily.

• **Exhibitions:** — Hatzor Exhibition Archaeological Finds; UNESCO Exhibition of Watercolours. Beit Dizengoff. Today, tomorrow: 10-1.

Oils, gouaches by Michael Argov. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion. 10-1; 4-7.

Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'aretz, near Ramat Aviv. 10-5.

Paintings by Jacob Tessler. Artists Pavilion, 9 Alharizi. 10-1; 4-7. Sats. 10-1.

Paintings and Sculpture, auspices Israel Painters & Sculptors Association. Artists House, 30 Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7. Sats. 10-1.

• **Z.O.A. House:** — Tourist Service, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

HAIFA

• **Exhibitions:** — Melita Schiffer and Irene Baum exhibit recent works. Union of Israel Painters and Sculptors, 24 UNO Ave., 10-1 4-7.

Furniture and Rugs Exhibition. Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Tourist Centre:** — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 22 Hehaluts. Tel. 67955.

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The Weather

FORECAST: Temperatures above normal.

Weather Synopsis: General inference, ridge of high pressure over Eastern Mediterranean slowly progressing eastward. Warm depression over Cyrenaica.

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Mt. Cana'an	33	14	27	26
Tiberias	33	16	29	29
Haifa Port	71	17	24	25
Natanya	63	14	27	26
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	25
Tel Aviv Port	77	14	23	24
Lydda Airport	67	10	26	26
Jerusalem	10	14	26	26
Beersheba	34	8	27	27
Eilat	26	16	31	31

(A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Ze'ev Sharef, the Director of Inland Revenue (by El Al).

Dr. G. Scholem, Professor of Jewish Mysticism at the Hebrew University, from Poland, which he visited at the invitation of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and Scandinavia, after lecturing and carrying out research at the University of Uppsala.

Dr. M. Prywes, Associate Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, from the U.S. and from Guatemala, where he was invited by the San Carlos University to assist in problems concerning the reorganization and rebuilding of its Medical School.

Mr. Menahem Bader, the Director-General of the Ministry of Development, from a fortnights' visit to Europe (by El Al).

Prof. Israel Reichert, of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, after participating in international conferences in Italy and Sicily and investigating certain agricultural problems in Malta at the request of the Government there.

Prof. Ernst Simon, of the Hebrew University, from a lecture tour in the U.S. and Europe (by El Al).

Dr. A. Zaliouk, of Haifa, audiologist, from an international congress in Wiesbaden and a study tour of Europe.

Mr. M. Ben-Ari, of the El Al management, from Honolulu, where he attended the meetings of the I.A.T.A. (by El Al).

Mr. Moshe Elbaum, of the U.S. "Jewish Daily Forward," as a guest of the Histadrut and of the Journalists Association (by El Al).

Mr. N. Chesney, press officer of B.O.A.C. (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. Arye Zimuki, of "Yediot Aharonot," for Strasbourg, France, to participate in a seminar of the International Press Institute.

Death of Y. Kobelman, Kupat Holim Supply Chief

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Yitzhak Kobelman, director of the Kupat Holim Supply Department, died on Thursday night at his home in Tel Aviv. He was 62 years old. The funeral will be held today.

Dr. Kobelman came to this country from Russia in 1920 and worked for some time as a *halutz*. He later went to Strasbourg where he completed his studies in pharmacy and assumed his post with Kupat Holim upon his return. *(Itim)*

Mina Blumenfeld Dead at 45

TEL AVIV. — The death took place at the Beilinson Hospital on Saturday of Mina Blumenfeld (Sobelman) 45, of Natanya, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Blumenfeld was born in Rumania and was the first Youth Aliya emissary in Morocco. In Israel, she worked in the Absorption Department of Youth Aliya. She was active in the Haganah and Aliya Bet. She leaves no family.

The funeral will leave from Beilinson Hospital for the Old Cemetery in Natanya at 2 p.m. today.

3-Month Long Polls Contest Reaches Peak

The top leaders of all of Israel's political parties addressed mass election rallies last night — the last Saturday before the curtain comes down on the three-month-long election campaign. Kol Yisrael reported that over 1,000 election rallies were held all over Israel over the weekend. The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Herut chief, Mr. Menahem Begin; and leaders of other major parties spoke at outdoor meetings in Tel Aviv. Other political speakers covered the country as many competing rallies were held simultaneously in urban and rural areas within short distances of each other.

Saturday night was also the last day of Kol Yisrael's election speech broadcasts by the contending parties, with Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mr. Begin, Mr. Yosef Saphir and Moshe Haim Shapiro summing up the case for their respective parties.

Prime Minister Calls on Nation To Stand United Against Enemy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on Saturday urged the nation to stand united against the threats of annihilation voiced by the head of the Saudian U.N. Delegation, Ahmed Shukhairi. Shukhairi was in fact speaking for the Egyptian dictator who speaks peace to the world, but broadcasts war at us daily over Cairo Radio, the Prime Minister said.

"We all want peace, but we will never get it through proposals of Herut which makes peace with the Arabs conditional on the return to Israel's "historic borders." No one believes that the Arabs will give us the lands within these borders of their own free will. These irresponsible declarations by Herut are a blot on the good name of Israel, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared.

The Prime Minister was addressing a crowd estimated at over 25,000 at a Mapai rally in Kikar Malchei Israel here. Local residents crowded the balconies of the buildings overlooking the square. Many Mapai leaders were in the audience. Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion and Mr. Abba Eban were seen sitting on vegetable crates below the stand, for lack of seats.

Reminds Listeners

Mr. Ben-Gurion reminded his listeners that the continuation of unlimited immigration and the settlement of the empty spaces in the Negev and Galilee were also security issues. "You in Tel Aviv will never be secure if the Negev and Galilee are not filled with Jewish villages," he said. In answer to the Herut leader, Mr. Menahem Begin, he retorted, "to this man who says that 'God chose me to rule,' I can only say that I am only a simple man, who has been chosen to rule by the will of the people."

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mordecai Namir, who is Mapai's Mayoral candidate, promised the proper development of the city, the clearing of its slums and the clearing up of the city's sea front. Mapai would also ensure a fairer distribution of Municipal taxes, he promised.

'Mapai is Enemy Of Liberty', Progressives

TEL AVIV. — the Socialists are the "Enemy Number 1," of Liberty, declared Mr. Mordecai H. Stern, Progressive candidate for the Tel Aviv mayoralty, at the Tzafon Cinema on Saturday morning.

Only inside the Coalition could a strengthened Progressive party influence government and serve as a counter-balance to Mapai's "appetite for sole domination." *(Itim)*

B-G Urges Voters To Go to Polls

Kol Yisrael last night concluded its month-long broadcasts of political speeches with talks by leaders of the four largest parties in the Third Knesset. The speakers were Mr. Moshe Shapiro (National Religious), Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionists), Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut), and Mr. David Ben-Gurion (Mapai).

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Ben-Gurion called upon all eligible voters to go the polls, saying that this was a duty as well as a right.

Begin Says Election Mapai-Herut Battle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A crowd estimated at 20,000 on Saturday night heard the Herut leader, Menahem Begin, declare that the present election campaign was "a battle between two parties only, Mapai and Herut."

Climaxing the Herut election campaign, Mr. Begin devoted most of his speech to a scathing attack on Mapai.

"Nowhere in the Western world, not in South or North America nor in Western Europe is there a socialist government today," Mr. Begin said. Israel was an integral part of this Western world, he added, and it was the duty of the voters to put the socialists into opposition in this country too."

The "ultimate in impudence," Mr. Begin declared, was Mapai's assuming that the army was its property. "Ya'acov Meridor (Herut M.K.) will make a better defence minister than Ben-Gurion," he said. Dwelling on the "unfair pressure" put on voters by Mapai, he said that, "as we liberated the state from the British so shall we get rid of the fear of Mapai."

Premier Among 50 Speakers in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — Some 50 meetings were held in Haifa and its suburbs over the week-end, but most of them were poorly attended. Only those parties which put buses at the disposal of their supporters collected large crowds.

The biggest rally was held on Friday night in Plumer Square, outside the railway station in the Lower Town, where Prime Minister Ben-Gurion addressed a crowd of almost 20,000. It was the Premier's first election speech in Haifa during the campaign and dozens of buses brought large crowds to the brightly lit square. Mr. Ben-Gurion spoke from an illuminated dais, with a large map of Israel illustrating the country's achievements serving as a backdrop.

At the same time, Mapam held a "Peace and Security" rally at the May cinema. The hall was crowded with an Arab-Jewish audience of 1,500, some of whom had been brought in special buses. They heard addresses by Mr. Shimon Avidan, former commander of the Givati Brigade; Mr. Rustum Bastuni, a former Arab Mapam M.K.; Mr. Y. Riftin, the Mapam leader, and the poet Avraham Shlonsky. The theme of these and other speakers was "independence, neutrality, and the brotherhood of nations."

Herut meetings on Friday night, at the Hadar cinema, in Wadi Salib, and on Mt. Carmel, drew only about 200 persons each.

On Saturday morning, a Progressive Party rally was attended by some 350 persons. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen came out against the coupling of the Knesset and Municipal elections and against constituency elections by means of which, he said, Mapai intended to set itself up as the ruling party.

Mr. Peretz Bernstein, the General Zionist leader, who drew about 900 persons to his meeting, charged Mapai with having made it possible for 24 lists to contest the elections. He alleged Mapai had broken its agreement eight years ago with the General Zionists to enable only those parties which polled at least 10 per cent of the vote to secure representation in the Knesset. He challenged Mapai's "right to claim credit for the Sinai action."

Mr. S. Mikunis, Communist, speaking on "War or Peace," drew 500 persons to the May cinema.

Levanon Blames Mapai For T.A.'s Difficulties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Haim Levanon and Mr. Yosef Saphir M.K., of the General Zionist Party, faced a thin crowd at Dizengoff Circle on Saturday night. They were speaking at the same time as Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Herut leader Menahem Begin addressed crowds elsewhere in the city.

"I regret being unable to provide you with the same comforts that Solel Boneh has provided for Mr. Ben-Gurion," Mr. Levanon began referring to the benches that were set up at Kikar Malchei Israel for the Prime Minister's speech.

In a very outspoken attack on Mapai, Mr. Levanon blamed the citizens of Tel Aviv for having delegated so much power to Mapai and claimed that on the Municipal Council, Mapai had repeatedly attempted to thwart all of his plans for the welfare of the city. He listed amongst these: the construction of the underground centre at the Dizengoff Circle, ("turned dow, because it might have competed with the Hamashbir Hamerkazi store there"), the establishment of a local university and the Jubilee Exhibition.

Mr. Saphir declared earlier that Mapai had in fact created instability and reduced Israel's absorbtive capacity since it had come to power. Only "private initiative" can absorb mass immigration, Mr. Saphir declared

Elections C'ttee Holds Its Final Meeting

Instances of bribery, the use of pressure, inducements, purchase of votes, and empty promises in various parts of the country were brought to the attention of the Central Elections Committee at its final meeting on Friday.

No draft resolutions were presented by the party representatives on the committee, and no resolution was adopted.

The facts were presented in the course of debate in which members of all the leading parties participated.

'RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACHIEVED BY PARTIES'

HOLON. — If it were not for the religious parties, there would be no State religious education today, Dr. Zorah Wahrhaftig, M.K., told an audience of about 400 at a National Religious Party Rally at Struma Square.

Hazan Warns Against Herut, Area Elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There is no difference between Herut and world Fascism and all Israel workers must unite to defeat Herut, Mr. Y. Hazan, M.K., a Mapam leader told an overflow audience at the Tel Aviv Cinema on Friday night.

Mr. Hazan devoted his 90-minute address to attacking Herut, constituency elections and charging that Jews from Oriental communities were discriminated against.

"It is the same old Fascist swindle when Herut promises to look after the interests of the workers," Mr. Hazan charged. How was this possible, he asked, if Herut was on the verge of uniting with the General Zionists.

Immigrant Absorption Greatest Deed—Lavon

HOLON. — In one of his rare election speeches, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Secretary General of the Histadrut speaking at the "Migdal" Cinema here on Friday night, urged the electorate to be guided by the facts of past achievements. Foremost among these he ranked the fact that the country had effectively absorbed some 340,000 newcomers during the past 10 years. Of this total — only an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 breadwinners were still considered without adequate sources of employment.

Mr. Lavon said that the country's present election system was inherited from the World Zionist Organization, which was a voluntary body interested in the active participation of small minority groups. But this form could not possibly provide the kind of political stability essential to preserve a true democratic regime.

THE TEL AVIV Magistrate, Mr. A. Wax, on Friday ordered the immediate release of Michael Boxer, a Ramat Yitzhak cafe proprietor, who has been held since October 6 on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of a diamond merchant, Zerah Flock. The police told the Magistrate there was no proof of Boxer's role in the murder.

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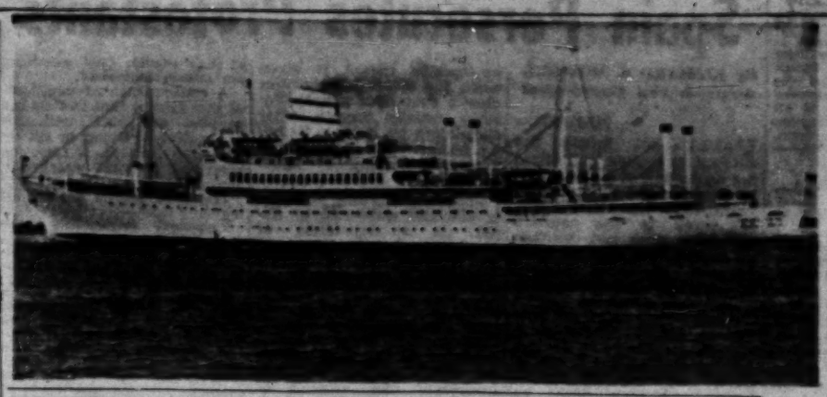
AFULA: Kol Ron, tonight.
TEL AVIV: Ohel Shem, Tomorrow, 7.15, 9.15 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Ohel Shem, Wednesday, November 4.
HAIFA: May Cinema, Thursday, November 5
2 Farewell Performances: 7.15—for the armed forces 9.15—for the general public
KIRYAT HAIM: Beit Ha'am Friday, November 6
2 performances: 7.15, 9.15 p.m.
RAMAT GAN: Rama Hall, Saturday, November 7
2 Farewell Performances: 7.15, 9.15 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Ohel Shem, Sunday, November 8
2 performances for the armed forces: 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Edison, November 14
2 Farewell Performances: 7.9.15.

Touviyahu Opens Beersheba Stadium

BEERSHEBA. — The Judge Sam Leibowitz Municipal Sports Stadium was inaugurated here on Saturday by Mayor David Touviyahu.

The stadium, which is planned for 20,000, seats 2,000 at this stage and cost close to IL100,000. The inauguration was marked by a game between the Tel Aviv Hapoel football team and Beersheba Hapoel in which the Tel Avivians beat the local team 6-0.

AN INTERIM dividend of 7 per cent will be paid on account of Delek dividends for 1959, the Delek Board of Directors decided at its meeting in Tel Aviv on Thursday.



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post's navigation lights were also clearly visible.

Captain Foy is a former port pilot. He was replacing the Israel's regular master, Captain Y Yacobson, who is on leave.

The bow of the American Press peeled back about 25 feet of the Israel's promenade deck, shattering six wide windows. Repairs are expected to take two to three weeks.

Some of the liner's passengers were shaken up by the collision and a few minor injuries resulted. Twenty-five passengers and officers were seated in a section of the ship's dining room directly in the path of the crash. Waterpipes burst, tables toppled and at least one woman was thrown from her chair. Mr. Walter Zucker, of Haifa, a head-waiter, said the crash sounded like an explosion. "I stood there stunned for about five minutes after a wooden beam struck my head," he said. Mr. Joseph Tchornicki, of Jerusalem, a passenger, said that a section of the internal wall in the dining room had come down. He said there had been no panic.

According to Mr. Theodore Danis, of Jerusalem, there wasn't one bump but three as the American ship bounced off the Israel. Many passengers in the dining room who arose after the first crash were knocked down by the second or third.

Debarkation of the liner's 269 passengers began at about 11.30 Friday morning at Todd Shipyards Corporation, where she had been taken in the early morning hours.

Later, 120 of the passengers left on board the Italian liner Christforo Colombo. On arrival in Italy, they will transfer to the Theodor Herzl. The other passengers will be flown to Israel by El Al.

A TESTER at the Ramat Gan telephone exchange, Max Fisher, was remanded for 10 days on Friday on suspicion of accepting bribes in return for promises to speed up the connection of telephones to new subscribers.

U.K. Car Company Awaits Israel Nod

POST Economic Reporter

York Noble Industries Ltd., manufacturers of the Noble-200 miniature passenger car, are prepared to invest money in an Israel assembly plant and go into partnership with local capital if the Government gives them the go-ahead.

Mr. Albert Cohen, the local agent of Peugot, who has been in contact with the British firm, said that this would be an iron-clad guarantee that the company would not back out of any commitments here under Arab pressure. Mr. Cohen came back from London late Thursday night.

(The arrangement of Kaiser-Frazer of Haifa with foreign firms for the assembly of cars was on a purely commercial basis, with no foreign investment involved.)

He declared that the company has undertaken to provide whatever sum is needed to get an assembly plant going. Koor, the Histadrut industrial combine, would be responsible for the assembly, while York Noble would supply the know-how. Component parts would be acquired directly from the suppliers — the Sachs motor direct from Germany, for example — rather than through the motor company.

Noble Threatens To Withdraw Offer

LONDON (INA).—Mr. York Noble, President of Noble Industries Ltd., charged on Friday that "vested interests in Israel and Government circles" were not ready to cooperate with his company. He said the Israel Government was creating new difficulties at the last minute.

If a decision was not reached soon by the Government, the company's board of directors would withdraw the offer.

Tel Aviv Jubilee Exhibition Closes

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Jubilee exhibition closed after midnight on Saturday, after 834,000 persons had visited it. The Exhibition opened on August 19.

The closing ceremony was attended by Mayor Haim Levanon, the Ramat Gan Mayor, Mr. A. Krinizi, and members of the Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan Municipal Councils.

Mayor Levanon announced that a Spring Festival will be held on the exhibition grounds this year which will also include the traditional Purim *Adloyada*.

Two Gov't Reports Reveal Grave Faults in Ramat Gan

By YA'ACOV GALILI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Reports by two Government committees on the management of the local municipality reveal grave faults, *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Friday.

The committees, under the direction of Mr. M. Bar and Mr. Hanan Pavel of the Ministry of Interior, investigated after allegations of mismanagement in the Municipality were made in "Ha'aretz." One committee dealt with technical matters and the other with accounting procedures.

The reports of the committees include accusations on the following points:

Illegal methods of taxation such as:

- Forced "donations" from contractors, for building licences, in addition to regular building taxes.
- Payments for changes in building plans were made in the form of donations to the Dvir-Bialik library and to the National Park.

In checking the books, it was found that:

- The actual Municipal deficit totals IL1,117,000, only two-thirds of which was recorded in the books.

Charity Fund

- The Mayor maintained a special charity fund for "Social cases," which obtained its funds from the illegal "donations" mentioned above. Sums of IL1,000-IL2,000 were loaned to persons such as the Municipal Treasurer, the Chief Municipal Engineer—who resigned two months ago, the Municipal Legal Adviser, one of the town's Chief Rabbis, the Director of Municipal Transport. (Most of these officials who were recorded as social cases are paid more than IL700 monthly. Most of the loans were not repaid.

Taking taxes without giving services in return:

- Downpayments totalling IL93,000 were taken for water meters which were never installed.
- IL600,000 was taken in taxes for public works which were never executed.
- IL69,000 for flood prevention work was illegally diverted to construction of an artificial lake in the Park.

Public works were executed without tenders:

Public buildings such as the City Hall were built without Ministry of Interior approval; public lands were sold, without the approval of the Minister of Interior, to the Roeh Company, owned by the Mayor's son and son-in-law, as well as to persons associated with the Municipality.

Mayor Avraham Krinizi was personally blamed for a number of faults discovered.

In a speech before a General Zionist election rally here on Friday night, Mayor Krinizi said that it was an unheard of practice for reports of Government investigation committees to be published on the eve of elections. He welcomed the reports, however, saying that they proved conclusively that there was no corruption, theft or forgery in the Municipality.

He went on to say that he had run for Mayor nine times but that this was the first time that he had been personally besmirched in a campaign.

Kfar Yovel Strikers Agree to Go to B'sheba

The Cochinese families from Kfar Yovel, who have been striking in front of the Jewish Agency buildings in Jerusalem to back up their demand to be transferred to a *ma'bara* near Rishon LeZion, on Friday agreed to be transferred to Beersheba instead. The offer had been made before the strike began but had been rejected.

Earlier in the day, police made arrangements to transfer the children of the strikers to the Wizo Baby Home in Beit Hakerem after Jewish Agency officials complained that the strike endangered the children's health.

STATE OF ISRAEL
THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FOURTH KNESSET

Notice Concerning the Freedom, Inviolability, and Secrecy of Elections

Article 59 of the Knesset Elections Law, 1959 provides:

"(1) Anyone offering to bribe a voter with a view to influencing the voter either to vote for a certain list of candidates or to abstain from voting at all;

(2) Anyone accepting or deigning to accept a bribe, either for himself or another person, in order that the voter may vote for a certain list of candidates or abstain from voting at all;

(3) Anyone threatening to harm a voter or any other person in order to compel them either to vote for a certain list of candidates or to abstain from voting at all;

(4) Anyone promising employment to a voter, threatening to dismiss a voter from employment or from receiving or accepting employment in case the voter votes for a certain list of candidates or abstains from voting;

is liable to five years' imprisonment or IL5,000 fine, or both such penalties."

The Central Electoral Committee for the Fourth Knesset has ensured the freedom, secrecy and inviolability of the elections. In accordance with the provisions laid down by law. Various measures have been taken to ensure the voters' right to free elections.

The attention of the public is drawn to these facts in order to enable everybody to vote without pressure, in the knowledge that conscience alone shall guide the voters in the act of casting their ballots.

The following measures have been taken by the Central Electoral Committee:

1. The ballot envelope is not transparent and the letter on the ballot paper indicating the party is not visible from outside;
2. At each polling station voters will find a screen behind which they will place the ballot of their choice in an envelope. Voters will be alone behind the screen and will not be observed by anyone while being there;
3. The voter himself will place the ballot in the envelope;
4. The voter himself will close the envelope;
5. The voter himself will drop the envelope into the ballot box;
6. Once dropped into the ballot box, the envelope mingles with the other envelopes in the ballot box so as to render the voter's identification impossible.

I feel certain that all citizens will pay due regard to the law and stand by their rights to benefit by these measures, enabling them to cast their votes in the secure knowledge that they are voting solely in accordance with their own will and conscience.

YOEL SUSSMANN
Judge, Supreme Court
Chairman of the Central Electoral Committee for the Fourth Knesset.

November 1, 1959

Busy Party Week-End in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Election fever in Jerusalem was more in evidence from the number of party meetings than in the size of the audiences or the high official position of the speakers.

The only Cabinet member to appear in the Capital over the weekend was Mapam's Israel Barzilai, Minister of Posts and of Health. Speaking before a full house at the small Tel-Or Cinema, Mr. Barzilai chided the present regime for "mortgaging itself to various foreign blocs."

Neutrality is no longer an ideal, he said; it is an everyday thing today, and we have only to gain by exercising it.

Mr. David Hacohen, speaking on Friday night and Saturday in Kiryat Moshe and Rehavia, reported on the very favourable impression that his recent election as Vice-Chairman of the Interparliamentary Union had made on the press of Eastern Europe, even in papers ordinarily opposed to Israel. He went on to say that just at this juncture, when Israel is gaining recognition as a power in the region and an independent force throughout the world Mapai's election opponents feel free to attack the Government's foreign policy.

The Knesset floor leader of Ahdut Ha'avoda, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, told an audience at the Or Gil Cinema that Mapai had already "spent more than IL20m." in its election campaign. He declared that Mapai could not possibly have raised the money from its own resources and that the expenditure "undoubtedly included sums from public funds."

Only a few hundred persons showed up at a General Zionist meeting at the Zion Hall to hear Mr. Moshe Rimalt, M.K., and Mr. Moshe Nissim. Mr. Rimalt started out to attack Mapai for not making provision for the day when foreign grants will end, but went off on a tangent on why the U.S. is more likely to support India in the years to come than Israel. By the time he got back to his subject, the auditorium was nearly empty.

On Friday, all 13 parties running in the municipal elections sent a representative to the Jerusalem Journalists Association to explain their respective platforms to the press. The precondition that the debate would be conducted solely on the issues at stake was not observed by Herut and the Religious Workers, who turned their guns on Mapai and the National Religious Party, respectively.

Feast Ends Feud

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KAFR KANA. — Some 5,000 Arab residents from all over Israel flocked to this village on Saturday to attend the *sulha* conciliation feast of the Amara and Awawdi clans. The *sulha* brought to an end 40 days of tension which followed a violent clash between the two clans on September 20 in which one man of the Amara clan was killed and 25 from both sides, hurt.

One peace-making delegation, headed by Sheikh Salen Salem, M.K., went to the Awawdi side to make sure that the IL6,000 blood money was ready. Sheikh Salem received IL5,000 in cash and a cheque of IL 1,000.

An argument then ensued among the Awawdis as to who would carry the white flag, used in the formal conciliation ceremony, since the killer is not known. According to tradition, the killer's father holds the white flag and goes barefoot with the *ugal* from his head-dress round his neck. The argument continued for almost two hours, while thousands were waiting.

Sheikh Suleiman el-Huseni from the Negev was asked to decide the argument. He ruled that the relatives of those suspected by police must walk in front, with one of them holding the white flag.

Following the formal ceremony, the feuding was buried in mountains of mutton and rice. Some 50 sheep slaughtered for the occasion, were paid for by the Awawdis.

Mr. Ben-Gurion "Rewrites" History

The leader of Mapai, who has more than once tried to "rewrite" history, as it were, made an astonishing statement at the Ayanot Convention of Rabbis and Heads of Synagogues, saying that, when the Israel Defence Forces were formed, "a tendency existed among the Religious (Jews) to favour the formation of religious battalions where everything would be Kasher, while others would eat as they pleased." It was he, the head of Mapai alone, who had saved the nation from a danger of this kind.

Anyone who knows anything at all about Religious Zionism, of either Hamizrahi or Hapoel Hamizrahi, will not find it difficult to disbelieve this mean accusation. Religious Zionism was always opposed to Religious Jewry shutting itself in a Ghetto of any kind. Mr. Ben-Gurion not unintentionally confused the issue of forming religious units with the question of serving *Kasher* food in the Israel Defence Forces — *an achievement due, in fact, to Hamizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi.*

It was Mr. Z. Warhaftig who, during the deliberations of the Provisional Cabinet on this subject, said: "*Kashrut* is both a religious and national ideal of the Jewish people. We are not interested in dividing Israel's Army into two." He stressed that the resolution put forward by the Left — with the tacit support of Mapai — proposing that *Kasher* food should be served only to those soldiers who asked for it — would divide the armed forces, instead of helping to wield them into one whole, and facilitating the integration of exiles.

The Hamizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi members succeeded in mobilizing a majority against this resolution by the Left and, despite the abstention of Mapai members, the resolution of Hamizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, advocating the establishment of *Kasher* army kitchens, was duly passed.

In 5709, Mapai member Mr. Aranne (Aharonovitz) proposed that reservists of the armed forces be required to serve on Shabbat as well. This resolution too was rejected, following the intervention of Hamizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi, despite the support given it by several other Mapai members.

The facts can be ascertained by anyone wishing to examine the minutes of the Provisional Cabinet and the Knesset. They should be examined by an approved committee in order to prove to all that certain Mapai leaders do not even shy at rewriting recent history when it suits their purpose.

This, too, goes to prove that with Mapai, the ends justify the means, that no stratagem is too mean to trick the religious voter. Experience, however, has already taught religious voters not to accept such Mapai statements at their face value. The question of *Kasher* army food, as falsely presented by the Mapai chief, proves once again, if proof were needed, that only the Religious National Party is capable of staving off the dangers to the nation's values precipitated by Mapai and the other secular parties.

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Why Mapai Must Go

BECAUSE it was under the leadership of this party that the State was founded, the victorious Israel Defence Forces came into being, nearly a million Jews immigrated to Israel, Israel's position among the nations was secured, the defence situation improved, the Eilat blockade broken, and friendly relations established with a host of nations in Asia and Africa;

BECAUSE under Mapai leadership, the Government was able to mobilize enormous funds for the country's development, funds that have helped to absorb the mass immigration and to improve the face of the land beyond recognition;

BECAUSE hundreds of agricultural settlements have been established, and water projects have been realised that have helped to change the face of the land as it was since time immemorial. Hundreds of thousands of apartments have been built, as well as large factories that have revolutionised the country's economy, rich mineral deposits have been unearthed, and the largest merchant fleet in the Near East has been built.

BECAUSE there has been a general rise in the standard of living and the supply of food, per capita imports have declined, exports and supply reserves have increased, the rise of prices has been halted and the currency stabilised;

BECAUSE the tremendous scheme of State schools has been realised, and not a single child goes without elementary schooling, while secondary schooling facilities have improved, and the integration of exiles proceeds apace.

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TWO comparatively new developments in the Middle East's oil business are bound to produce far-reaching changes in the map of oil operations and distribution in this part of the world. Since the Suez operation three years ago and the subsequent sabotage of pipelines and pumping stations in Syria, there has been a gradual but clear shift of emphasis from the oil-fields of Iraq and Saudi Arabia to those of Kuwait and Iran, where the West's major prospecting efforts are now concentrated. Simultaneously with this development, new sources of oil have been found in the Sahara and in Libya, whose potential production exceeds anything that the Arab oil fields can offer.

ARAB OIL BOYCOTT?

The meeting of Arab oil experts, convened in Jedda by the Arab League's oil department and concluded on Friday night, was the result of Arab realization that their domination of Europe's oil supplies is now seriously threatened by these new developments. Like the first Arab oil conference which convened in Cairo last April and which included representatives of Arab governments as well as those of oil companies, the Jedda meeting was convened as a means of increasing the bargaining power of those governments vis-a-vis the companies at a time when competition is on the increase in other countries. The aim, of course, is to increase the Arab's share in oil profits.

Just how this aim is to be realized is not clear. Reports from Jedda suggest that there were several proposals, including the establishment of an all-Arab company to deal with the transport of Arab oil, the construction of an Arab-owned pipeline from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, and the establishment of an Arab tanker fleet. The pipeline whose construction is contemplated would have to have a capacity of 800,000 barrels a day, and would link Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq with the oil ports in Syria and the Lebanon. Such a pipeline, argue its advocates, would lower the cost of oil to European consumers, bring higher profits to the Arab states and lead to greater stability in the Arab oil industry. This would presuppose, of course, that the Arab states can reach agreement on the details.

Other ways of increasing the Arabs' share in oil profits were also discussed by the conference, but even if some concrete steps were worked out, the underlying causes of anxiety will remain. The truth is that the Arabs are at last realizing that Europe is eager to get its oil supplies regularly, but does not care from what quarters, and is forced to look after its own interests. The chronic and growing instability of the various Arab regimes and the resulting threat of disruption of oil supplies have led the governments of Europe to prefer oil from politically more stable countries. Now that the prospects of finding such oil sources are greatly improved, the Arab oil producers are beginning to realize that their position is seriously threatened.

So far, there is little indication that constructive and feasible proposals were discussed at the conference. The most conspicuous recommendation submitted by the experts who sat in Jedda was that of asking the Arab governments to boycott all those oil companies which are taking part in the exploitation and marketing of Sahara oil, a major French-led project. Such a step in connection with one of the leading internationally exploited commodities is not likely to help the Arabs in reassuring their worried customers. The boycott weapon is one that is likely in the long run to prove a boomerang.

WHO Ignores Israel

POST Diplomatic Reporter

Israel has requested an official explanation from the Geneva headquarters of the U.N. World Health Organization as to why Israel has not been invited to the W.H.O. Middle East regional conference on malaria which is to open in Addis Ababa on November 16.

Spain Persecutes Protestants

By RICHARD S. MOWRER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MADRID.—

EARLY this month the Franco regime authorized the dedication of a synagogue in Madrid, the first in 467 years. But this noteworthy concession to the capital's 200 Jews does not betoken an imminent change of heart towards another religious minority: Spain's Protestants.

This was indicated recently when the Madrid Provincial Court sentenced a Protestant clergyman to two months imprisonment for illegally entering his chapel, which had been closed by the authorities.

The Rev. José Nunez, 38, will not have to serve his sentence, thanks to a still valid amnesty decree promulgated last year in honour of the coronation of Pope John XXIII. But in the eyes of the law he is guilty and he has been ordered to pay a fine of 1,000 pesetas (IL35).

At the trial's first session Nunez testified that he had entered his chapel when he noticed that the paper seals placed on the door by the police had fallen off, apparently owing to the effects of time and weather. The windows were broken and the premises being in a state of disrepair his "religious conscience" had impelled him to enter, he said.

When the trial was resumed on October 3, the judge declared that "it constituted a grave defiance of the authorities for the accused to enter a building which had been closed and sealed by a responsible authority." Often no specific reason is given when the Spanish authorities close a Protestant chapel. Closures usually happen after complaints by Roman Catholic bodies that the Protestants are seeking to make converts.

Spain's Protestant minority, is officially estimated at 20,000 (in a population of 29,682,000). Article Three of the Spanish Bill of Rights promulgated by Franco in 1945 says that "all Spaniards shall be equal before the law." Discrimination against Protestants is based on interpretation of the Bill's Article Six which states that "the profession and practice of the Catholic religion, which is the religion of the Spanish State, shall have official protection. No other ceremonies or external activities will be permitted than those of the Catholic religion."

Pastor Nunez' defence lawyer sought to quote the Bill of Rights, Article Six, which also states that "no one shall be molested on account of his religious beliefs or in private exercise of his worship," but the judge stopped him, saying that this was not relevant to the case.

Discrimination against Spain's Protestants takes the following forms:

It is impossible to obtain permits for the construction of buildings to serve as chapels for newly formed communities. No Protestant chapel may identify itself as such by a sign publicly displayed. Announcements in the press or elsewhere of Protestant services are prohibited.

The celebration of marriages by non-Catholic clergymen is not recognized by law. Protestants are denied the right of legal marriage according to the rites of their church. Civil marriages are seldom authorized.

A consequence of decisions of this kind is that Protestant couples are faced with the alternative of living in sin or of going through a form of marriage by rites which are against their conscience.

Protestant schools are not allowed.

Protestant communities have no legal status, which is why Protestant property is often registered in the name of foreign persons or firms.

Protestants may be buried only in "civil" cemeteries, where criminals, suicides and declared atheists are also buried, although Protestants have their own cemeteries in large centres like Madrid and Barcelona.

No Protestant may hold public office or obtain a commission in the armed forces. (But Moslems may.) Protestants are barred from the Cortes (parliament), from provincial and municipal councils, and from all ministerial departments.

Protestants may not print or import Bibles, print or publish any kind of newspaper, review or magazine.

The making of converts is strictly prohibited. Just what constitutes proselytism is nowhere legally defined, but there is no redress in cases of doubt.

On four occasions since 1940 Spanish Protestant leaders have sent respectfully worded petitions to General Franco begging for true tolerance. They do not claim a status of equality with the Catholics, "our brethren in Christ and in the Fatherland," but they do claim real and effective tolerance in fulfilment of Article Three of the Bill of Rights: "All Spaniards shall be equal before the law."

There has been no answer to the petitions.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON

As it might look after November 3
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ADJECTIVAL DRUMFIRE

A CLUMSY, ludicrous, absurd and comical piece of electioneering if there ever was one, is the **Herut** dictum on the fabricated nonsense emanating from the Mapai headquarters and purporting to constitute a call by a number of "Levis, Cohens and Mizrahis" (if they exist) of former underground fighters to lend their support to the Commander of the IZL and LHY, David Ben-Gurion. Here indeed is proof that Mr. Almogi and his stalwarts, ensconced in the Mapai Noah's Ark built against the coming flood that will sweep them out of office, have lost their heads and their wits.

Davar (Histadrut) writes that the voters' decision must rest on the achievements of the past and on future aims. There is no time for experimentation, no time to give others who are green and inexperienced the "chance" they are asking for. We cannot afford to lose a single battle in any field. The tender shoot, planted and nurtured by the only competent hand that has been tending it and guarding it through thick and thin, must be further entrusted to its care.

Hatzofe (National Religious) writes that orthodox Jewry, which constitutes a bulwark against Mr. Ben-Gurion's avowed intention to push religion into an obscure corner in the State of Israel, must give its support to the National Religious Party which is fighting for a Jewish life in this country and at the same time is constructively dynamic.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) deplores the Mapai attempt to link the Sinai Operation with the elections, boasting about it as though it, and not the nation, alone deserved the glory.

Haboker (General Zionist) writes that Mr. Sapir made some good speeches at the GATT Conference, but the bitter truth is that Israel is unable to lower its tariff barriers because ours is a "hothouse economy" erected on subsidies and levies and cannot very well compete in the foreign markets. We are thus unable to export even a mite of what is needed to wipe out the heavy deficit in our trade balance.

Ha'aretz (non-party) studies the situation in Iraq and adds that it may upset the balance of power in the Arab countries and threaten Israel's security. It is therefore inconceivable that we can stand by complacently while our neighbours effect changes by force.

TO THE POLLS!

By Ephraim Kishon

THE great day is practically around the corner, the day of reckoning, the Third of November, the last day before the onset of spiralling prices, the rise in customs duties and the flood of last warnings from the income tax scalpers. It is not an ordinary day whichever way you look at it. On that day the voters decide the living standards for the coming four years of 120 politicians, among them greybeards, women and children. So the voters' responsibility is heavy indeed.

As for ourselves, we have not yet made up our minds. One day we would vote for one party, the next we become turncoats. Election propaganda brainwashes us almost daily. At first, for instance, we went all out for Mapam because the Haifa underground does not run on the Sabbath, but one morning Mapam sent us a brochure which shouted in 32 pt. bold type: "Vote Labour! Mapai Collaborates with the Bourgeoisie!" So we immediately switched our allegiance to Mapai, because the inner Kishon is a dyed-in-the-wool bourgeois, otherwise how could we afford a car?

But our honeymoon with Mapai lasted for not more than five minutes, until we opened the next brochure which sported the Mapai slogan: "Mapai to Government, Herut to the Circus!" There and then we fell for Herut, because so far all our troubles had been caused by the government, none by the circus. And then what do you think happened? As we went on perusing the Mapai brochure, we came upon the following advice-command: "Citizen! Have a look at what Mayor Krinitzi has done to Ramat Gan!" We immediately displaced ourselves to Ramat Gan, were favourably impressed with the sight of the city and decided to vote General Zionist.

Ramat Gan is plastered with *tzadiknik* posters showing Mr. Rosen as a pawn in B.G.'s hand. As we are great admirers of the Old Man, we figured we'd vote for the Progressives. But the Progressives also sent us a little brochure in which they proved that Mapai is squandering millions on election propaganda. This brought us squarely back into the Mapai camp, because we loathe cheap election propaganda. Whereupon those amateurs sent us a newspaper featuring photos of Mapai's 120 hopefuls. We made up our mind to emigrate.

Yet the fierce tug-of-war for our favours seems to be coming to a head. After examining the objective geopolitical conditions, taking into consideration various economic and security factors, one crisp Tuesday an unexpected ray of hope shot through the misty conglomeration of our doubts. In other words, we received a new shipment on the cover of which the following statement caught our imagination:

"Elections on November 3" — with the Hebrew letters of the alphabet used as numerals, has the same value as "Mapai's Victory is Certain."

See? No hanky-panky here! Here we have an ancient cabbalistic science, where you take the numerical value of the letters figuring in a sentence, then look for another sentence whose letters have the same numerical value — and receive the Unalterable Absolute Truth. But what did we do? Fired by our proverbial obstinacy we plopped down at our desk and shortly after midnight had irrevocable proof that:

"Mapai Is Building the Country" was identical with "Begin Is A Honey."

So where are we now?

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MUSICAL DIARY

'Unfinished' Works

Concert by Israel Composers, sponsored by the League of Composers, Kol Yisrael and the Mills Artists Club (Tel Aviv, October 26). Yitzhak Barzam: Elegy for Strings, Sinfonietta for Strings. Yehezkiel Braun: Piano Sonata, Song cycle for voice and piano, to words by Leah Goldberg, concerto for Flute and Orchestra.

I. BARZAM (b. 1922) is undoubtedly a gifted man but still lacks a good deal of craftsmanship and stylistic originality. He writes in a post-romantic style and the striking features of his works are strong and deeply felt emotional values.

His string scores sound well, yet he does not explore the possibilities of modern string orchestration. The Elegy, written in memory of Aviasaf Barnea, the late Haifa composer, is quite effective and speaks to the heart but sounds banal in places. The Sinfonietta has a simple but good formal basis but often sounds shallow and the development of the material is not interesting enough.

An astonishing fact is the total absence of Israel elements in Barzam's music. This is indeed surprising for a man who came to this country as a boy.

Yehezkiel Braun (b. 1922) speaks a quite different language. His music is much more rooted in the atmosphere of the country and sometimes influenced by eastern European Jewish melodies and rhythms.

Of the works performed, we found the songs and the concerto the best. The songs betray a delicate and sensitive soul and fit the words very well. In the concerto he demonstrates an excellent treatment of the solo instrument and good scoring for the orchestra, but a much too long, and sometimes wearying last movement.

Braun has still yet to develop a more personal and homogenous style, especially in his harmonic language.

Braun's songs were sung by Esther Sorokin, soprano, and the sonata was played by Malka Mevorach. The orchestral work's were tape recorded.

B. BAR-AM

Ambitious Programme

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Georg Singer, conductor; John Sebastian, harmonica (Edison Hall, Jerusalem, October 27). Rolf Liebermann: Symphony (1949); Cimarosa: Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra; Vaughan-Williams: Overture "The Wasps"; Villa-Lobos: Concerto for Harmonica and Orchestra.

The enlargement and the indisputable improvement of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra seems to be inducing the organizers of these programmes to a more and more ambitious programme policy. This concert even included two First Performances of quite demanding works. The Symphony by Rolf Liebermann was given a concise and spirited treatment bringing out the Swiss composer's inherent vitality and dynamic, if sometimes a bit harsh, writing. Georg Singer conducted with enthusiasm and inspiring energy and led a very creditable performance of the orchestra, which also played the Vaughan-Williams Overture soundly and efficiently.

John Sebastian, the Harmonica virtuoso, had already given a most impressive account of his technical and musical abilities in his interpretation of the Tscherepnin Concerto with the same orchestra and conductor the week before in Tel Aviv. Here again, he proved the great value of cooperation between a performing artist and a composer in the creation of new works. Villa-Lobos seems to have written this concerto not only for Sebastian, but actually together with him: although this is a fine opus in its own right, the possibilities of the harmonica were exploited to the maximum extent, enabling Sebastian to display his sweet *cantilena* as well as his breath-taking acrobatics (especially in the *cadenza* of the third movement) to the best advantage of player and work alike. An encore of his own writing made one look forward to his solo recital with great expectations.

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A Progressive Presents the Case for Proportional Representation

By GIDEON HAUSNER

IT is a commonplace that elections in a democracy should reflect the wish of the people as truly as possible; they should also make it possible to establish an effective government. Tampering with election methods so as to distort the expressed wish of the electors ought to be discouraged no less than using false weights or measures, and permitted only if there is no other way to preserve the democratic processes of a country. In Israel this is certainly not the case. The present system of proportional representation in the Knesset fulfils both needs. Our Government has been able to face and handle serious national problems in economic, foreign and security spheres. If some of these problems were not successfully solved, this was certainly not because we had a coalition system.

The present system is more just than the proposed majority system, which involves a serious waste of votes and strangles any minority party. There was certainly no justice in the results of the recent parliamentary elections in England where the Liberal Party, having doubled the number of its voters, barely managed to keep the same number of seats as before. Under the majority system the bogey of the wasted vote prevents people from voting for a party they prefer unless they feel it has a chance of winning a majority. In England Gallup polls have proved this time and again.

Example of Others

If there is anything to be learned in this field from the accumulated experience of other democratic countries, then certainly the balance is in favour of proportional representation. This system was adopted many years ago by all Scandinavian countries, which are model democracies, and by Holland and Belgium, which found that under the proportional system they could secure representation for the minorities and thus avoid racial and religious friction.

The historic reasons for which America and England still adhere to the majority system have no validity in Israel. In England many leading personalities have united in a strong movement for the introduction of proportional representation. A few years ago Churchill expressed his concern about the injustice of the existing system and Mr. Middleton, the Secretary of the Labour Party, described the British general elections as "the greatest gamble on earth." In all other stable democracies the trend is toward, not away from, the proportional system. France, which has changed its system several times in the postwar years, is no exception.

No country can blindly follow other examples, and each should adopt the system best suited to its peculiar needs. Majority elections presuppose fair play. The head of the losing party is the first to congratulate the winner. No one would dream of questioning the right of the opposition to rise to power, and the winner will exercise self-restraint and try to govern by compromise, invoking the parliamentary voting machine only as a last resort. In England there is nothing to prevent Parliament from deciding to prolong its term of office indefinitely, yet no party, apprehensive though it may be of going to the nation, would dare stay in power by such devices. Unfortunately in Israel we have not yet reached such high standards. Giving any one party absolute power might seriously endanger the further possibility of removing it from office later, even if the majority desired to do so.

There is in Israel too much factional spirit, too little tolerance towards an opponent's view and too much confidence in one's own almost messianic role, to allow any single party to be trusted with absolute power. Our basic liberties would be at stake.

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THE constituency system assures particular local interests of a voice in legislation but presupposes that they will conform to overriding national needs. The elected candidate represents a constituency, but he is a member of the national Parliament. Experience teaches that the equilibrium between local and countrywide needs is not easily achieved even in true democracies and by experienced statesmen. Even then they are often torn by conflicting loyalties. No local candidate can avoid making pre-election promises to local interests which he had then better keep if he seeks re-election, even if doing so goes against his conscience as a national figure.

In the Anglo-Saxon countries this just barely works. In Israel, where there are few legitimate local interests which could not be solved at the municipal level, it might have pernicious results. Candidates might be elected to the Knesset who are motivated only by the desire to support highly particularistic local interests. Local bosses and chieftains might emerge, holding sway over their supporters and in turn dictating to Knesset Members through the power of the votes they control.

Compromise and Unity

Last but not least, the present system results in a coalition government, or in practice, in a compromise among the parties, none of which can implement its whole programme and all uniting on issues which ultimately have the support of the majority of the nation. For the years to come, with so many emergencies yet to be faced and so many excruciating problems to be solved, this seems to be preferable to rule by a single party which, in addition to representing what is actually a minority of the electorate, is bound to be controlled by a majority within that minority. There will never be any assurance that an issue on which the majority party may itself be divided and which may be of extreme national importance, will be decided according to the desires of the majority of the nation. With so many bitter experiences in the past, when the hasty deeds and declarations of party leaders sometimes endangered vital State needs for the sake of inter-factional debate, let us rather have them crack one another as best they can in coalition Governments. Let us force on them the necessity to look at national problems from different angles.

Proportional representation is not without its defects, but some of these may be easily removed. For instance, the number of signatures required on the petitions accompanying lists of candidates could be raised from the present 750. There is much to be said for a reform under which the elector would be at liberty to cross out some of the candidates suggested by the party, to fill in other names or to express preferences. All these are reforms which would still preserve the basic advantages of proportional representation.

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STATIONERY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

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Yours, etc.
MELITTA POHORILLE
Jerusalem, October 20.

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